

## City of Gunnison 2007 City Council Election Requirements

### City Council Checklist

- ✓ Be at least 21 years of age.
- ✓ Be a United States citizen.
- ✓ Be a resident of the City from at least April 6, 2006, through April 6, 2007; and remain a resident throughout election process.
- ✓ Be a registered voter in the City.
- ✓ Remain a resident of the City while serving in office.
- ✓ Obtain a petition of at least 25 signatures of qualified City electors.
- ✓ Turn in petition, affidavit of qualifications and signed acceptance of nomination between March 9, 2007, and April 6, 2007. Candidates may choose to circulate their own petition or may have other people circulate for them.
- ✓ Be knowledgeable of and comply with the provisions of the Fair Campaign Practices Act.
- ✓ Keep careful accounting of your campaign expenses and file the information as required.

The City of Gunnison's next Regular Municipal Election will be held on "the second Tuesday of May" (Section 2.4 - City Charter), or on **May 8, 2007**.

### **Terms of Office:**

There will be at least three City Council seats to be filled at this election. At each regular City election there shall be elected three Councilmen and such additional number as may be required to fill vacancies...(Section 2.2 - City Charter). The two receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of office of four years. The one receiving the third highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of office of two years (Section 2.2 - City Charter).

### **Eligibility for Office:**

No person shall hold any elective office of the City unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years, and have been a resident of the City for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the last day for filing the original petition for such office...(Section 4.1 - City Charter). No person shall hold any elective office unless he is a qualified and registered elector of the City at such time of appointment and throughout his tenure of office. No person shall be eligible for...office who is in default to the City. All officers of the City shall be United States citizens (Section 4.1 - City Charter).

### **Election Petition:**

Each candidate for elective office shall file with his(her) petition his(her) affidavit that he(she) possesses the qualifications for such office provided in this section. Failure to file such affidavit shall invalidate his petition (Section 4.1-City Charter). Any person who is qualified for the office to be filled may be nominated for an elective office by petition. A petition for this purpose shall be signed by not less than twenty-five (25) qualified electors for each candidate to be elected. A qualified elector may sign petitions for as many persons as there are offices to be filled by election. All nominating petitions for the office of City Council member shall be filed, together with verified acceptance of the nominee, with the City Clerk no more than sixty (60) nor less than thirty-two (32) days before the election (Section 2.8-City Charter).

A qualified elector is...every person over the age of eighteen (18) years of age or older...shall be a citizen of the United States...shall have resided in the City thirty-two (32) days...and is registered to vote. At any time up to and including the thirty-second (32) day before a municipal election, any qualified voter may register at the office of the City Clerk, or at the office of the Gunnison County Clerk. Registration may be otherwise in the manner and in such form as set forth by the Colorado Municipal Election Laws in force at that time (Section 2.14-City Charter).

### **May 8, 2007 General City Election Important Dates:**

March 9, 2007	First Day to File Petition, Affidavit and Acceptance with City Clerk
April 6, 2007	Last Day to File Petition, Affidavit and Acceptance with City Clerk
April 6, 2007	Last Day to withdraw name from nomination for office
May 8, 2007	Election Day

The May 8, 2007, Regular Municipal Election will be conducted as a mail ballot election. Each active, registered elector will receive a ballot in the U.S. Postal Service mail. The ballot may be returned in person to the City Clerk's office or be mailed back to the City Clerk at the voter's expense.

For more information contact the City Clerk's Office at 970-641-8140 or e-mail the City Clerk at [gail@cityofgunnison-co.gov](mailto:gail@cityofgunnison-co.gov)